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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2003. With a three-month extension, this response is due on or before October 3, 2003. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, is submitted herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21578-010.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.